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## **Taxpayers Contribute \$830,413.11 to Three Georgia Funds**

ATLANTA—Georgia taxpayers contributed \$830,413.11 to three state funds using the donations to special funds provision on their 2002 personal income tax return.

"As these contributions demonstrate, Georgians are a compassionate and caring people who are willing to give of themselves to help their fellow citizens and protect valuable wildlife," said Governor Sonny Perdue. "Through this simple and convenient method, I encourage the people of our state to continue making charitable contributions to these three important programs."

The donated amounts were \$245,002.46 to the Georgia Fund for Children and Elderly; \$298,381.28 to the Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Research Program Fund; and \$287,029.37 to the Wildlife Conservation Fund.

The Georgia Fund for Children and Elderly supports programs for preschool children with health, educational and emotional needs and funds elderly services, such as home-delivered meals and transportation to medical appointments.

The Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and Ovarian Cancer Research Program Fund provides money to continue the most innovative and promising research in breast, prostate and ovarian cancer.

The Wildlife Conservation Fund provides money to protect and conserve Georgia's nongame wildlife.

Taxpayers make contributions to the funds by either allocating a portion of their refund to a fund or increasing the amount of tax due by the amount they desire to donate.